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## NPS NEWS

# Welcome to Independence National Historical Park

We are in full swing as we approach the busy summer season in **Independence National Historical Park** and continue to celebrate the 100th birthday of the National Park Service.

**2016**  
National Park Service  
CENTENNIAL



garden behind the Free Quaker Meeting House that we created with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and local school volunteers. To help engage our next generation of park visitors, supporters and

I'm pleased to share that we have re-opened the **Second Bank Portrait Gallery** and are looking forward to seeing you at this wonderful architectural jewel and its art exhibit.

Our actual **centennial anniversary** is August 25, 2016. In coming months, we will be celebrating this momentous occasion with exhibits, interpretive programs, special events and a time capsule.

We continue to consider ways to bring new audiences to the Park and develop meaningful partnerships. We are excited about the **pollinator**

advocates, our *Every Kid in a Park* initiative continues to provide an opportunity for fourth graders and their families to experience their federal public lands and waters in person throughout the year.

Please stop by the **Independence Visitor Center** to learn more about our events, programs and tours. You can also visit us online and on social media or download our mobile app. And **#FindYour Park** when you do visit!

Cynthia MacLeod - Superintendent

## Historic Highlights

Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross House, Elfreth's Alley



Liberty Bell

## Museum Highlights

National Constitution Center, National Museum of American Jewish History, African American Museum in Philadelphia



National Constitution Center

## Attraction Highlights

Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches, History Maker Meet & Greets, Colonial Kids' Quest



Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches

## Tours Highlights

Independence After Hours, Tippler's Tour



Independence After Hours

# Welcome to Historic Philadelphia!

You are in the heart of America's Most Historic Square Mile and there's more to see and experience here than ever before. You'll meet **History Makers** in person, hear from storytellers at **Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches**, join the **Continental Army** and more.

Whether you have a couple of hours or a couple of days to spend, check out the helpful information in the Gazette to help you make the most of your visit. Begin your day at the **Independence Visitor Center**, where you can pick up your free, timed Independence Hall tickets. Seeing the room where our Declaration of Independence was debated and adopted is a must!

You won't want to miss the **National Constitution Center's Headed to the White House** an interactive, election year must-see exhibit. See page 2 for special events (and discounted admission days) planned for Memorial Day Weekend, Flag Day and Independence Week.

This month also features *Flag Fest 2016*, a weeklong celebration of our Stars & Stripes at **Betsy Ross House** that kicks off with a day of FREE family fun on *Stars & Stripes Saturday*, June 11. On Flag Day, June 14, the National Constitution Center celebrates Flag Day and the U.S. Army's birthday with special events and \$5 admission and the Betsy Ross House hosts the City of Philadelphia's Official Flag Day commemoration. The fun continues with special events at the Betsy Ross House all week long. See page 2 for details.

Inside, find everything else you need to know to have a great trip. There's information about *Once Upon A Nation's* amazing tours that immerse you in history (and sneak you into Independence Hall at night!) and more free programs than ever before (pages 4 & 5), a map (on the back) and lots more valuable information to help make your visit a great one.

Some of the most unique and rewarding experiences you'll have in Historic Philadelphia will be meeting *Once Upon A Nation's* History Makers – people from the past who will share their uniquely interesting stories – and at the *Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches*, where you'll hear little known tales from our nation's early years. See the map for locations, and plan to visit some or all of the 13 benches during the day to hear stories that history class missed.

From meeting Betsy Ross in her upholstery shop, to drilling with the Continental Army in a Military Muster, to hearing the stirring words of the Declaration read in the shadow of Independence Hall, you're sure to make memories that last a lifetime!

# Celebrate Old Glory in Historic Philadelphia

There is no better place to celebrate our Stars & Stripes than right here in its birthplace, as the 9th annual **Flag Festival** takes center stage **June 11-18** at the Betsy Ross House.

The Star Spangled fun kicks off in grand style on **Saturday, June 11**



Old Glory is raised and lowered in ceremonies at the Betsy Ross House

with the family favorite **Stars & Stripes Saturday** at the Betsy Ross House from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors will enjoy the hilarious antics of Professor Horn's *Punch & Judy* puppet show and the skills of the *Give & Take Jugglers* and be wowed by the feats of the *Funicular Aerial Circus*. Plus, a Flag Fest Foto Booth, crafts

and carnival games for the kids and stories from the Once Upon A Nation Storytellers. Admission is just \$5.

The fun continues during the week with **special events each day from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**, including the chance to meet George Washington and Ben Franklin.

On **Flag Day**, Tuesday, June 14, join the National Park Service, the United States Army, the Philadelphia Flag Day Association, the City of Philadelphia and the National Constitution Center to celebrate the joint birthdays of the flag and the United States Army. Special events are planned throughout the day. See page 3 for details.

The city's official **Flag Day ceremony** will be held at 1 p.m. at the Betsy Ross House, beginning with a naturalization ceremony welcoming 13 new citizens.

For more information, and a complete schedule of events, visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Memorial Day Weekend – May 28-30

Enjoy FREE Admission on Memorial Day, and FREE programming all weekend long with the Center's Memorial Day Weekend celebration. Activities include lobby shows, flag etiquette workshops, craft projects, lawn games, and more.

### Stripes and Stars Festival (Flag Day and Army Birthday)

June 14 - This year's Stripes and Stars Festival will be held at locations throughout Independence National Historical Park and Historic Philadelphia. Events at the Center include a flag raising ceremony, a patriotic parade and giant flag folding demonstration. Plus, \$5 admission courtesy of Macy's.

### All American Celebration – June 30-July 5

Patriotic festivities surrounding Independence Day include family fun activities, colonial musical performances, and opportunities to meet famous historical figures throughout the week. Plus, FREE admission on June 30 and July 2, courtesy of Wawa, and on July 4, courtesy of the John Templeton Foundation.

525 Arch Street (One block past the Independence Visitor Center and one block before Franklin Square)

See p. 3 for hours of operation.

@ConstitutionCtr    

For more information about the National Constitution Center or any of its programs, call (215) 409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org).

Show your Historic Philadelphia Gazette  
at the National Constitution Center Box Office  
to receive free admission to  
Headed to the White House with  
general admission purchase!

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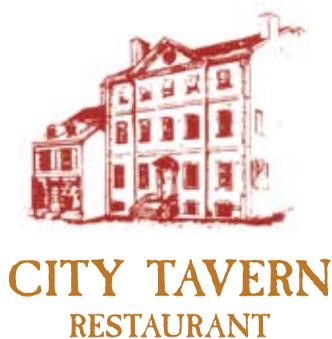


INDEPENDENCE  
VISITOR CENTER



NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

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Savor specialties including  
peppercorn soup, Martha  
Washington's chocolate mousse  
cake, General Washington &  
Thomas Jefferson's recipes for ale.  
Open seven days a week. Serving  
lunch & dinner daily from 11:30  
a.m. Dinner from 4 p.m. (Sundays  
from 3 p.m.). Located at the corner  
of 2nd & Walnut Streets,  
(215) 413-1443.

## IT TAKES TWO

Two entrées for the price of one!\*

Valid Sunday through Friday for lunch & dinner!

Only valid with the use of a major credit card, not valid for special menus or restaurant holiday, beverage tax & gratuity are not included.

\*Discount will be determined as the least expensive entrée, children's meals are considered entrées. Valid: Sunday through Friday only. May 27-31, 2016; June 12, 19, July 1-4, 2016. Expires July 31, 2016. Coupon must be presented at time of order.

## HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

The Historic Philadelphia Gazette, is a joint venture of Historic Philadelphia, Inc., the National Park Service, the Independence Visitor Center Corporation and the National Constitution Center.

If you have questions, comments or need more information about National Park Service sites or other historical sites in Philadelphia and its countryside, call (800) 537-7676 or visit [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde).

Historic Philadelphia, Inc. is dedicated to making our nation's history relevant and real through interpretation, interaction and education, strengthening Greater Philadelphia's role as the destination to experience American history. Historic Philadelphia, Inc. oversees the Once Upon A Nation initiative, Betsy Ross House and Franklin Square.

For more information about HPI, or to make a tax-deductible donation, call (215) 629-4026 or visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org).

## Historic Philadelphia, Inc.

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# HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

## See Philly in a PHLASH

Sightseeing in Philadelphia couldn't be easier than aboard the Philly PHLASH

Downtown Bus Loop The most convenient and affordable way for visitors to travel to 22 key destinations, including Independence National Historical

Park, the PHLASH offers daily service every 15 minutes, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Passes are only \$2 per ride or \$5 per day. Kids four and under and seniors ride free! [www.PhillyPHLASH.com](http://www.PhillyPHLASH.com)



## Purchase Your Historic Philadelphia Pass at the Independence Visitor Center

The Historic Philadelphia Pass is a great way to begin exploring the nation's birthplace. For one low price, the Historic Philadelphia Pass includes two days of unlimited on-off access to ride the Philly PHLASH Downtown Loop, and admission to three key historic sites: the National Constitution Center, the Betsy Ross House, and Christ Church Burial Ground.

The Historic Philadelphia Pass is being offered for the low price of \$18 for adults, and \$13 for children (ages 4-12). It is available exclusively at the Independence Visitor Center, but pre-purchase is available online at [www.HistoricPhillyPass.com](http://www.HistoricPhillyPass.com).

### MAY

#### MAY 28-30

#### Signers Garden, 3-4 p.m.: Honoring the Fallen: Heroism and Sacrifice during the American Revolution

Join a park ranger for a special walking tour to learn about Philadelphia during the War for Independence and reflect on the sacrifices of those who fought. Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

#### MAY 30

**Christ Church Burial Ground 1-3 p.m.: Memorial Day Tribute** – Remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation with a service at the grave of Benjamin Franklin followed by the ceremonial placement of flags on the tombs of patriots buried within our sacred and historic burial ground. Free. (215) 922-1695, [christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### JUNE

#### JUNE 3

**Betsy Ross House, 5-9 p.m.: Movie Night Under the Stars & Stripes** – Celebrate First Friday with after-hours tours of the House, followed by a showing of the B-movie gem, *Atomic Rulers of the World*. Guests are invited to BYOB and snacks and make an evening of it. \$5. (215) 629-4026, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

#### JUNE 4

**Elfreth's Alley, 1-5 p.m.: Fete Day** – Get a rare glimpse into a dozen 18th-century private homes of residents on the nation's oldest residential street. Enjoy music, re-enactors and more. \$25 per person; family and group rates available. (215) 627-8680, [elfrethsalley.org](http://elfrethsalley.org)

#### JUNE 9-11

#### Independence Visitor Center, 3-4 p.m.: Independence Hall and History of Gay Rights in Philadelphia

On July 4, 1965 demonstrators marched near Independence Hall calling attention to discrimination facing the gay and lesbian community in some of the first organized gay rights demonstrations in the U.S. Join a Park Ranger for a slide program about the LGBT movement's roots. Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

#### JUNE 11

**Betsy Ross House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Stars & Stripes Saturday** – The Betsy Ross House hosts its 9th annual daylong celebration of all things Old Glory. For details about all the free, family fun, see p. 2. (215) 629-4026, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

#### JUNE 14

**Betsy Ross House & Independence Mall, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Flag Day** – Celebrate the U.S. Army's birthday and Flag Day with a day of special events starting with a 10 a.m. 13-star flag raising at the Betsy Ross House. At 10:30 a.m. a 50-star flag is raised in front of the National Constitution Center. Historic and modern army units parade through Independence Mall to a ceremony in front of Independence Hall at 11 a.m. Throughout the day, visitors can view exhibits, participate in activities and see modern U.S. Army tactical vehicles at locations throughout the Mall. Free; \$5 admission to National Constitution Center courtesy of Macy's (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

#### Betsy Ross House, 1-2 p.m.: Flag Day Ceremony

A moving naturalization ceremony kicks off the patriotic event that includes the City of Philadelphia's official Flag Day commemoration. Free. (215) 629-4026, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

#### JUNE 18-19

**Franklin Court, 3-4 p.m.: The British Occupation of Philadelphia** – On September 26, 1777, Philadelphians awoke to the sound of fifes and drums playing the familiar God Save the King. The British army had arrived. On the anniversary of the British army leaving Philadelphia, join a Park Ranger for this walking tour to hear the stories of soldiers and civilians during the occupation. Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

#### JUNE 19

**Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S., 4-4:30: Happy (Founding) Father's Day** – Have you ever wondered about the family lives of the Founding Fathers? What did their wives and children think of their political activities? Join a park ranger and learn about the sacrifices and hardships facing the families of the Founders as these Fathers forged a new nation. Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)



Second Bank of the U.S.

### ONGOING

**Entrance to the Benjamin Franklin Museum, 10-11 a.m. Sat. & Sun. from 6/25: Dr. Franklin's Philadelphia** Printer, father, politician, diplomat, inventor – Benjamin Franklin achieved much in his long and prosperous life. Join a Park Ranger for this walking tour to hear how his accomplishments shaped his city, his country and the world. Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)



Benjamin Franklin Museum

**Christ Church Burial Ground, 5:30-6:15 p.m. Fridays in June: Brew 'N History Tour** – After debating the Declaration of Independence our founding fathers continued the conversation at local taverns in Philadelphia, many owned by people buried in the burial ground. Learn about the connection between the patriots and founders and the history of beer in this city.

\$10; tickets in advance on site or at the gate. (215) 922-1695, [christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

**Franklin Square, 6-10 p.m. Sun.-Thur.; 6-11 p.m. Fri. & Sat. thru 6/12: Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival** Final days to visit this one-of-a-kind celebration of light and culture! More than 25 larger-than-life illuminated displays are on display. Plus, enjoy traditional Chinese performances, food and more. Tickets are \$17 for adults; \$12 for children 17 and under; \$15 seniors & military. (215) 629-4026, [historicphiladelphia.org/chineselanternfestival](http://historicphiladelphia.org/chineselanternfestival)

**Independence Visitor Center, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily: Meet the History Makers** – Don't forget your camera and questions for Philadelphia's colonial townsfolk! Learn about and watch these Colonial-era re-enactors as they practice their crafts, including quill pen calligraphy, "sawdust dolls," watercolor art and more.

Free. (800) 537-7676, [PHLvisitorcenter.com](http://PHLvisitorcenter.com)

**National Museum of American Jewish History, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays: Pay What You Wish Wednesdays** – Visitors can pay what they wish Wednesday evenings in the summer and enjoy film screenings, discussions, tours and more.

(215) 923-3811, [nmajh.org](http://nmajh.org)

# PROGRAMS & TOURS • MAY 28 - JUNE 30, 2016



Historic Philadelphia is bringing more FREE programming than ever to our visitors. Check out the following pages for daily programming, plus special opportunities to meet History Makers, participate in Colonial games and crafting, and much more. Visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org) for more information.

Location	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	Noon	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.
Betsy Ross House 239 Arch Street									
		Meet Betsy Ross Daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m.							
		Flag Raising Daily 10-10:15 a.m.							
Carpenters' Hall 320 Chestnut Street		Colonial Kids' Quest Sat. 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.							
Independence Hall (behind the Hall) 500 Chestnut Street						Reading of the Declaration of Independence 5/28-30; Fri. & Sat. 6/3-11; Tues.- Sat. from 6/14; 3:45- 4 p.m.			
Independence Visitor Center 6th & Market Streets						Junior Ranger Ceremony Daily 4-4:10 p.m.			
					Meet the History Makers 11 a.m.-3 p.m. daily		Twilight Tour 6-7 p.m.; Daily from 6/15		
13 Locations in the Historic District					Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches 11 a.m.-4 p.m. - 5/28-30; Fri. & Sat. 6/3-11; Tues.-Sat. from 6/14				
Signers' Garden 5th Street						Military Muster 5/28-30; Fri. & Sat. 6/3-11; Tues.- Sat. from 6/14			
Valley Forge National Historical Park						Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches 11 a.m.-4 p.m. - 5/28-5/30; Sat. & Sun. 6/4-12; Daily from 6/13			
					Secrets & Spies Sat. 12:30 p.m. from 6/11				



Program



Meet a History  
Maker



Tour



Performance



National Park Service Program

## HISTORY MAKER MEET & GREET'S

Don't miss the chance to meet the Founding Mothers and Fathers. Meet and mingle with some of our young nation's most prominent leaders, and their behind-the-scenes counterparts. It will be a highlight of your visit!



## Meet Ben Franklin

11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Saturdays at Franklin Court; 1:30-4 p.m. Tuesdays, June 14, 21 & 28 at the National Museum of American Jewish History

## Meet Betsy Ross

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Daily at Betsy Ross House

## Meet Phillis the Laundress

12-5 p.m. Sat. & Sun. at Betsy Ross House

## Meet Thomas Jefferson

1:30 p.m.-4 p.m. Fridays at the American Philosophical Society

## Meet Thomas Paine

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, May 28, June 11, 18 & 25 at the Philadelphia History Museum

## Meet Secretary of War, Henry Knox

11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturdays at Carpenters' Hall

## Meet Richard Allen

11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Fridays, June 3 & 10; Thursday & Friday June 16-17 & 23-24 & Thursday, June 30 at the African American Museum in Philadelphia

Starting June 14, watch out for pop up History Makers 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays - Fridays at sites all around Historic Philadelphia. Visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org) for details.

# Live history on one-of-a-kind tours

You'll be a part of the past when you take one of Once Upon A Nation's unique living history tours!  
Step into the action on these exciting journeys.



### Independence After Hours

A one-of-a-kind chance to "sneak" into Independence Hall after hours! Join your colonial guide for a delicious, three-course meal at historic City Tavern before heading out on an evening of adventure where you'll eavesdrop on the conversations of the Founding Fathers as they debate the Declaration of Independence in the summer of 1776.

*Independence After Hours is presented in cooperation with Independence National Historical Park. Fri. & Sat., through June 11; Tues.-Sat. from June 14; \$85 Adults; \$80 Sr./Stud./Mil. \$55 Kids 12 & under.*



### Tippler's Tour: Ben's Kites & Flights

Party like it's 1776 on this fun Colonial pub crawl, where Benjamin Franklin, himself, is one of the revelers! Dr. Franklin joins the tour to share stories and answer questions as you enjoy drinks, snacks and a little sip of history at four Colonial and modern-day watering holes.

*Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.; \$45 for adults; \$40 Sr./Stud./Mil.*

**Must be 21 or older with a valid ID.**

All these great adventures begin at the Independence Visitor Center. For tickets, call (215) 629-4026 or visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

## POP UP HISTORY

Check out these FREE, fun happenings.

### Colonial Stations

Learn 18th-Century crafts, including three-tone watercolor painting, play Colonial era games and meet the Founders.

*11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, May 29 at Harmony Lane; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, May 30 at Christ Church; Friday, June 3 & 10 at the National Constitution Center; Starting June 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays at Christ Church; Wednesdays at Harmony Lane; Thursdays behind Independence Hall; Fridays at National Constitution Center*

### We Differ As Rational Friends: A Debate between John Adams & Thomas Jefferson

Adams and Jefferson debate the revolutionary storms they weathered throughout a relationship spanning 50 years. Recommended for ages 14 and up.

*1 p.m. Thursday, June 30 at the National Constitution Center*



### Songs of Liberty, Loyalty, Libations and Love

Hear spirited period music, sea chanteys and folk songs performed.

*11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays at the Philadelphia Seaport Museum*

### Colonial Kids' Quest

Help find the missing Declaration of Independence! Along the way, meet a runaway dog, Freedom, and meet helpful two- and four-legged friends such as Francois the Frog, Graciela the Goose and others.

*11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. Saturdays behind Carpenters' Hall (rain location: National Constitution Center)*



### Soldier's Life

Meet a soldier serving in Gen. Washington's Continental Army and find out what everyday life was like.

*Noon Saturday & Sunday, May 28-29; 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, Saturday, June 11, Tuesday, June 14 and Saturday, June 25 at the National Constitution Center*

### George and Martha Washington: In Perfect Felicity

America's First Couple shares stories from their 40-year marriage. Recommended for ages 12 and up.

*6 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Christ Church; 6 p.m. Thursday, June 30 in the Jefferson Garden at the American Philosophical Society, blankets and lawn chairs welcome*



*Plus, be sure to stop by the Independence Visitor Center to meet History Makers and learn Colonial crafts and games 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily!*



# National Park Service

ALL PROGRAMS AND TOURS ARE FREE

## Family-Friendly Activities

### Junior Ranger Programs



**Independence National Historical Park:** Junior Ranger programs offer a fun way for kids to learn about American History! With activities, games and puzzles, participants ages 6-14 learn all about the park and can earn Junior Ranger badges.

Pick up your Junior Ranger Activity Booklet

at one of the following locations (see p. 7 for locations & hours):

- Independence Visitor Center
- Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site
- Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial
- Germantown White House  
(Deshler-Morris House)



**Trading Cards: Come Face to Face with History!** - Ask a Park Ranger how you can earn free trading cards during your visit. Collecting trading cards is a fun way to learn more about the people, places and things that tell the story of Philadelphia and the early years of our nation.



### Independence Mobile App

Explore Independence National Historical Park... home of Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and the Benjamin Franklin Museum... with this official National Park Service app! Use it to discover the sites and people of the American Revolution and the founding of the nation. Tap the Sites button to learn more about points of interest with professional photographs and engaging text. Discover the **Road to Revolution** or follow in Benjamin Franklin's footsteps on **guided audio tours** throughout the park. The *Postcard* feature allows you to share a digital postcard with friends and family from Independence National Historical Park. The FREE app is now available for iOS and Android devices. Search for "NPS Independence" in your app store.



### National Park Fun Zone

Discover some family fun with the help of puzzles, games, and the Park's mobile app. Try on a ranger hat for size, and share your knowledge of America's national parks.

Daily 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Liberty Bell Center from 6/25



## Independence Park Institute

### Hands on learning for school groups and professional development for teachers

Finally, a place where students and educators can learn-by-doing in the historic area. Bright, inviting classrooms encourage kids to explore with hands-on activities guided by specially-trained Park Rangers. The five curriculum-based lessons bring history alive. Teachers can expand their knowledge of the 18th century, catch up on the latest research inside Independence Park and get Continuing Education credits.

*These programs are fee-based. Call (215) 597-2760 or visit [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde) and look under "Education" for more information.*

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## INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK BOOKSTORES AND MUSEUM SHOPS



The **Old City Hall** shop has books, toys, puzzles, souvenirs and postcards. Get your own copy of the film *Independence*, a key to Independence Hall, miniature Liberty Bells and more. Located on the SW corner of Fifth and Chestnut Streets. The **Franklin Court** shop features all things Benjamin Franklin. Browse through dozens of biographies and other writings about Philadelphia's favorite founding father, or pick up one of the many items featuring an image of Franklin. Located between 3rd & 4th Streets and Market & Chestnut Streets.

*These stores are operated by Eastern National, a not-for-profit partner of the National Park Service. Proceeds from your purchase help support Independence NHP.*



All photos courtesy of the National Park Service

## HISTORIC SITES

- ARCH STREET FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** **E3**  
320 Arch Street - (215) 627-2667  
Tue.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sugg. Don. \$2 ♿
- THE ATHENAEUM OF PHILADELPHIA** **C7**  
219 South 6th Street - (215) 925-2688  
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE
- BETSY ROSS HOUSE** **F3**  
239 Arch Street - (215) 629-4026  
Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Ad. \$5; Ch./Sr./Stud./Mil. \$4; Audio Guide  
(includes admission): Ad. \$7;  
Ch./Sr./Stud./Mil. \$6
- CARPENTERS' HALL** **E5**  
320 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-0167  
Tue.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE
- CHRIST CHURCH PHILADELPHIA** **F4**  
2nd Street above Market Street  
(215) 922-1695  
Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m.  
Info available in 20 languages.  
Sugg. Don.: Ad. \$3; Stud. \$2 ♿
- CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND** **D3**  
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 922-1695  
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 12-4 p.m.  
Ch. 6-16 \$1; Ad. \$2; \$15 groups up to 10;  
Guided tour Ch. \$3; Ad. \$7; \$30 groups up to 10
- CITY TAVERN** **F6**  
138 South 2nd Street - (215) 413-1443  
Daily from 11:30 a.m. ♿
- CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL** **D4**  
44 North 4th Street - (215) 922-5446  
mikvehisrael.org for worship schedule  
FREE ♿
- CONGRESS HALL** **C5**  
6th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿
- DECLARATION HOUSE** **B4**  
701 Market Street - (800) 537-7676  
Daily 12-5 p.m. FREE
- EDGAR ALLAN POE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE** **C4**  
532 North 7th Street - (215) 597-8780  
Fri.-Sun. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
- ELFRETH'S ALLEY** **F2**  
124-126 Elfreth's Alley - (215) 574-0560 -  
12-5 p.m. Fri.-Sun.; Open until 7 p.m. for  
First Friday 6/3; Guided tours \$5
- FRANKLIN COURT** **E4**  
314-322 Market Street - (800) 537-7676  
Courtyard 9 a.m.-Dusk; ♿  
Printing Office: Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
U.S. Post Office: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Benjamin Franklin Museum:  
(fee); 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; last entrance is at 6:45 p.m.  
Fragments of Franklin Court  
(318 Market St.) daily from 6/11 12-5 p.m.
- FRANKLIN SQUARE** **C1**  
6th & Race Streets  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily;  
Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival:  
6-10 p.m. Sun.-Thur.; 6-11 p.m. Fri. & Sat.
- FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE** **C3**  
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 629-4026  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sat & Sun; Daily beginning 6/12  
Meet a History Maker
- GLORIA DEI "OLD SWEDES" CHURCH**  
916 South Swanson Street - (215) 389-1513  
Tue.-Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; FREE ♿

- GREAT ESSENTIALS EXHIBIT** **C5**  
West Wing of Independence Hall  
(800) 537-7676 Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
FREE ♿
- INDEPENDENCE HALL** **C5**  
Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th Streets  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Tours offered every 15  
minutes, **tickets are required** 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
pick up free tickets at the Independence Visitor  
Center. Please note: security screening closes  
15 minutes before the building closes for the  
evening FREE ♿
- MIKVEH ISRAEL CEMETERY** **A7**  
823 Spruce Street - (215) 922-5446  
By appt. only
- MOTHER BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH** **C9**  
419 South 6th Street - (215) 925-0616  
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. open for services.  
Donation suggested. Tours by appt.
- OLD CITY HALL** **D5**  
5th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE
- OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH** **E1**  
4th & Race Streets - (215) 922-4566  
Tours by appt. FREE ♿
- OLD PINE STREET CHURCH & HISTORIC GRAVEYARD** **D8**  
412 Pine Street - (215) 925-8051  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. open for  
Services; Closed daily 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Tours by reservation; Open to walk through  
FREE ♿
- OLD ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH** **D1**  
4th Street at the Ben Franklin Bridge  
(215) 627-1838  
Tours by appt. FREE ♿
- OLD ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE** **E6**  
321 Willings Alley - (215) 923-1733  
Call for hours & tours. FREE
- OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH** **D7**  
252 South 4th Street - (215) 923-7930  
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Open for Services or  
by appt. FREE
- PHYSICK HOUSE** **E8**  
321 South 4th Street - (215) 925-7866  
Tours on the hour 11 a.m.-3 p.m.;  
\$8 Ad.; \$6 Stud/Sr.; \$20 Family
- PORTRAIT GALLERY AT THE SECOND BANK** **D5**  
420 Chestnut Street - (800) 537-7676  
Daily 11 am-5 pm;  
**Bank Orientation Tour:** Every hour on the half  
hour 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., beginning 6/25 (15  
min.)
- POWELL HOUSE** **E7**  
244 South 3rd Street - (215) 627-0364  
Tours on the hour 11 a.m.-3 p.m.;  
\$8 Ad.; \$6 Stud/Sr.; \$20 Family ♿
- ST. GEORGE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** **E1**  
235 North 4th Street - (215) 925-7788  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.;  
Groups by appt. only FREE
- ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** **E8**  
3rd & Pine Streets - (215) 925-5968  
Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;  
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. open until 3 p.m.  
after services FREE ♿
- THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE SITE** **E8**  
555 Market Street  
Daily 7 a.m.-10 p.m. FREE

- TODD & BISHOP WHITE HOUSES** **E6**  
4th and Walnut Streets - (800) 537-7676  
Daily tour from 6/25; Sign up at the  
Independence Visitor Center desk
- MUSEUMS**
- AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY (APS) MUSEUM** **D6**  
104 South 5th Street - (215)-440-3442  
Sun.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA** **B3**  
7th & Arch Streets - (215) 574-0380  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thur.-Sat.; 12-5 p.m. Sun.;  
Ad. \$10; Ch. 4-12 \$8; Stud. (w/I.D.) \$8;  
Sr. \$8; Free to Members ♿
- CHEMICAL HERITAGE FOUND.** **E5**  
315 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2222  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
first Fridays FREE
- FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA** **C2**  
6th & Arch Streets - (866) 574-3727  
Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE ♿
- FIREMAN'S HALL MUSEUM** **F2**  
147 North 2nd Street - (215) 923-1438  
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE ♿
- INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM** **H6**  
211 Columbus Blvd. - (215) 413-8655  
Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; \$16 adults;  
\$12 Ch./Sr./Stud.; FREE children 2 and under  
& members ♿
- LIBERTY BELL CENTER** **C4**  
526 Market Street - (800) 537-7676  
9 a.m.-7 p.m. Security screening closes  
5 minutes before the building closes for the  
evening FREE ♿
- NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER** **D3**  
525 Arch Street - (215) 409-6700  
9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon. through Sat.;  
Sun. 12-5 p.m.  
Ad. \$14.50; Sr. (65+)  
Stud. w/ID & 13-18 \$13; Ch. 4-12 \$8;  
Active Mil. & Ch. under 3 FREE; ♿ ♿
- NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM** **E5**  
321 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2800  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 12-6 p.m. Sun.  
Ad. \$7; Sr. \$6; Stud. \$5; Ch. FREE ♿ ♿
- NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY** **D4**  
101 South Independence Mall East  
(215) 923-3811  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun.; Wed. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Ad. \$12; Sr./Stud. \$11; Active Mil. with  
ID/Ch. under 12 FREE
- NEW HALL MILITARY MUSEUM** **E5**  
320 Chestnut Street - (800) 537-7676  
Daily from 6/11 12 p.m.-5 p.m.
- PHILADELPHIA HISTORY MUSEUM** **B5**  
15 S. 7th Street - (215) 685-4830  
Tues.-Sat. 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Ad. \$10;  
Sr. \$8; Stud. & 13-18 \$6; Ch. 12 & under &  
active military free; Family Pack \$20
- POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER MUSEUM** **E6**  
308 Walnut Street - (215) 922-1700  
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE

- THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL MEMORIAL** **E8**  
305 Pine St, Philadelphia - (215) 597-7130  
Sat. & Sun. 12-4 p.m.

## OTHER SITES

- INDEPENDENCE MALL CAFÉ** **C3**  
50 N. Independence Mall East  
(215) 965-2302  
Daily, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thur. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.;  
5/28-29 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER** **C4**  
Corner of 6th and Market Streets across  
from the Liberty Bell - (800) 537-7676  
Daily 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; FREE ♿ ♿
- Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony:  
Daily 4 p.m. (10 min.)



Independence Visitor Center

- SQUAREBURGER** **C1**  
6th & Race Streets  
Daily 10 am.-10 p.m.
- U.S. MINT** **D2**  
151 N. Independence Mall East  
(215) 408-0114,  
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



## SERVICES

**Language Services** Park maps are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian and Spanish. The Visitor Center concierge staff is fluent in nine languages including Spanish, French, German and Italian. Information about the Liberty Bell and other park sites is available in multiple languages. See a NPS Ranger or the Visitor Center staff if you have a specific request.

**Accessibility** For the hearing impaired, a portable loop system is available inside the Visitor Center, compatible with all telecoil equipped hearing aids, cochlear implants, and induction loop receivers. A receiver with headphones is also available if a hearing aid is not compatible. Curb cuts are at corners on perimeter sidewalks. All major sites have ramps. Photo albums with pictures of 2nd floor exhibits are available. Audio description of exhibits & AV are at Poe and Kosciuszko Houses, NPS Rangers describe exhibits elsewhere. All films are open captioned, with audio description and assisted listening. To arrange for American Sign Language services, please contact us at least two weeks in advance. Use the relay service (800-654-5984-TTY) to call (215-597-7130).



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**KEY**

- Independence National Historical Park (INHP)
- Places to visit
- Parking
- Restrooms
- ATM
- Franklin Square Parking
- Currency exchange
- Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Bench
- Walkways
- PHLASH Stop